

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY WOODTURNING CLUB

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Notes From The Editor

In this issue, you will find my report from club member Chris Grimshaw's demonstration. Chris explained his use of resin in his turnings.

I have also included a quick summary of the AGM. Meeting minutes are available on request.

Our next demostrator, on Tuesday 4th November, is professional turner Rick Dobney.



The meeting after, on Tuesday 18th November, will be a demonstration by club member Bill Bennett.

On Tuesday, I went to the Wizardry in Wood exhibition in London. There were some magnificent pieces on display and some interesting talks. The usual suspects were also there. Gary Rance, Les Thorne, Emma Cook, etc., as well as new names apprenticed to the woodturning craft. I have enclosed a few pictures.

Finally, the defibrillator has now been installed at Hatters Space. Thank you to all who contributed time and money towards its purchase. We are arranging training, so let a committee member know if you are interested in being trained to use it.

Rob Sheehan Secretary, Newsletter Editor & Web Site Manager

Turning ResinBy Chris Grimshaw 7/10/2025

Chris warned us that working with resin can be messy if you get it wrong as resin flows like water until it sets after 24 hours. You also need to choose the correct type: Deep pour up to 2" thick or normal - about 2cm thick. Resin has a shelf life of about 12 months.



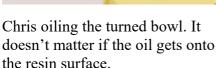
Bowl with an undercut recess cut in to the rim and filled with resin coloured by liquid dye. The dyes are concentrated, so only 3 drops are necessary for this amount of resin. Dyes can be mixed to produce other colours. Powdered dyes are also available.



Chris turning the surface of the bowl flush with the resin. The cast resin surface is bright and shiny. The tools will dull the surface so it will need polishing to at least 3000 grit.









The finished bowl

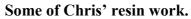
Another of Chris' resin projects. Holes drilled int the side of a cylinder & filled with coloured resin. Each side must be left to cure before pouring the next side.



The base has been drilled to take a chuck. Chris will then drill from the other end to complete the hollow form. A light inside will shine through the coloured inserts.







Above: Bog oak bowl in red resin.

Left: Hollow form with resin inserts.

Below: Wood and resin bowl with silver gilt finishing wax.





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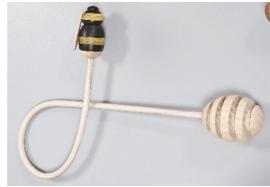
Bob Taylor winner of the novice honey dipper competition.

Phil Steele winner of the advanced honey dipper competition.





Members' Work







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A funeral urn being turned by Rob Sheehan. The ashes will be held in the glass jar shown on the right (after the candle has been removed). The final shape will curve in at the join between the base and the lid and a Yew finial will be added.



Defibrillator

The defibrillator has now been installed at Hatters Space. Thanks to all club members who contributed and made items for sale. Thanks also to the generosity of Nuneaton shoppers who helped us to raise over £1000 towards its purchase cost.



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Wizardry In Wood 2025

Held in London over four days. Superb pieces of woodworking, woodturning and ornamental turning on display and for sale. I've chosen just a few pieces that caught my eye.











Wizardry In Wood - continued





Wizardry In Wood - continued

Ornamental turning including the piece on the left, by club member Malcolm Thorpe, that won first prize.





Summary of the AGM October 21st 2005

23 members of the club were present with apologies from another 5 members. Chairman John Evans opened the meeting at 6:30.

- **Chairman's Report:** John praised the fund raising effort and the high standard of work over the year.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Paddy summarized the accounts. We are £362 up on last year but two demos and the Christmas party still have to be paid.
- **Barwell Christmas Lights Switch On:** As suggested by John, the members agreed to attend this event. Members can sell their own items as well as selling items for charity.
- **Club Gazebo:** Members agreed to the committee looking into the purchase of a gazebo for external events. One member offered the club the use of their gazebo. John thanked the member and the club will take up the offer if we have not purchased our own.
- Christmas Party: This will take place on Tuesday December 16th. Bob Smith (& wife) will cater the buffet again this year. Peter Deeming will run the quiz again. The main competition theme is "Birds" as chosen by Martin, last year's winner. The "string pull" and "by hand" spinning top competitions will run as usual.
- **Bank Account:** John Thompson no longer wants to be a signatory on the club's account.
- **Number of Club Members:** The room is getting full with the number of members turning up to meetings. The committee will look to making better use of the space available. Members also agreed to start a waiting list for new members if the committee feel it is necessary to control numbers for safety.

Rob Sheehan Secretary, North Warwickshire & Hinckley Woodtuning Club

A copy of the full meeting minutes can be sent to any member on request.

Items For Sale

Disclaimer

The club is not responsible for any item appearing on these pages. The buyer and seller must make their own arrangements as to the condition, suitability, delivery, payment and price etc.

Diamond Scroll Saw for sale

Former Chairman of Hinckley Woodturning Club, Brian Hartwell, has a Diamond Scroll Saw for sale. Price £65.





NORTH WARWICKSHIRE & HINCKLEY CLUB EVENTS 2025

November 4th Demo Rick Dobney

18th Demo Bill Bennett

21st Hinckley Christmas Lights Stall

29th Barwell Christmas Lights Stall

December 2nd Demo Ian Ethel

16th Christmas Party

CLUB EVENTS 2026

Jan 6th

20th

Feb 3rd

17th

March 3rd TBD

17th Demo Terry Bray

May 1st-2nd Woodworks at Daventry

5th Demo Emma Cook

19th TBD

September 1st Demo Tony Jones

15th TBD

October 6th Demo Wolfgang Shulze-Zachau

Events at Coombe Abbey

Sat November 15th, Demo by Phil Steele & John Evans Walsgrave Baptist Church